

English II- Tuertscher
Argumentative Essay

Instructions: Choose one of the following listed positions on the end of the novella to focus on. Write a 600-800 word analysis tracing evidence throughout *Of Mice and Men* to support your claim. Additionally, synthesize the resources provided to both support the claim, and represent the counterclaim.

- George is an evil man, and not the friend to Lennie he should have been.
- George did it out of mercy.
- George was relieved.

*All stances must identify John Steinbeck's point of view on euthanasia. *Evidence.

Requirements Overview: Single-spaced, Times New Roman 12 font.
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Outline of the Essay's Plan
MLA Citation of Resources (following the essay)

Due: **Friday October 21st, 2016.**

Questions to Consider:

- Is euthanasia of animals ever justified?
- Is euthanasia of humans ever justified?
- Is euthanasia the same as murder? Why or why not?
- Is George's shooting of Lennie justified?
- What is Steinbeck's view of euthanasia based on the following scenes: the death of the drowning of the puppies, the shooting of Candy's dog, and the shooting of Lennie.
- Do I need more resources to back up my ideas?
 - Did I use at least one quote from each article I was provided?

Additional Resources to Ponder:

- NIV Bible: "The Ten Commandments"
- NWLSD Library Wiki Space: English II *Of Mice and Men* & *Euthanasia- Mrs. T*
 - (on bookmark provided to you)
<http://nwslmic.wikispaces.com/English+II+Unit+Euthanasia+Mrs.+T>
- Interview upperclassman, teacher/parent about their reaction to ending of *OMM*.
 - Remember to copy word for word, & date if plan to use as resource.
- Netflix/ HBO's VICE features documentaries (must be parent-approved).
- Historychannel.org
- *INFOhio reads to you!

Write your outlined plan for your essay on the back of this sheet. Include all Parts of an Essay.

Parts of an Essay Outline: What is John Steinbeck's view on euthanasia?, and how can you tell? Identify scenarios & textual evidence throughout and synthesize (add evidence from each resource into your paper) to show clear understanding of your claim, and the counterclaim.

I. Introduction

A. Hook to grab the reader's attention:

B. Thesis (or Purpose of Essay). Must include Steinbeck's view based on

B. Introduce the 3 upcoming topics (from your body paragraphs. Use 3 events/3 resources).

II. Body Paragraph 1: Topic Sentence=

-Evidence from novel (pg#):

-Evidence from article (title/author):

III. Body Paragraph 2: Topic Sentence=

-Evidence from novel (pg#):

-Evidence from article (title/author):

IV. Body Paragraph 3: Topic Sentence=

-Evidence from novel (pg.#):

-Evidence from article (title/author):

V: Conclusion: Restate thesis & review main points of body paragraphs. Claim & Counter acknowledged.

*Create a Bibliography citing your sources. "MLA Citation Machine."